already been initiated CAG and Prasar Bharati are currently engaged in correspondence in this regard

Fee hike by cable operators

2031 SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the cable operators are proposing to hike their monthly fee by 100 per cent on the ground that the broadcasters have arbitrarily increased their service charges,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the broadcasters suspect that the cable operators under report, the number of cable connections thereby putting the broadcasters to loss; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider undertaking an independent survey to resolve the dispute and rationalise the cable fee structure with a view to providing some relief to the public?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY) (a) Cable operators are threatening to effect heafty hike in their monthly fee

(b) the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is currently seized of the matter

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir

Publications of foreign newspapers and magazines

2032 SHRI R SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) the number of foreign newspapers and news magazines being published in the country, and

(b) what are the guidelines issued to such newspapers or magazines?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY) (a) and (b) The extant print media policy of the Government prohibits publication of any foreign newspapers or news magazines in India In pursuance of this policy, no foreign newspapers or news magazines have been permitted to be published. However, this

Ministry, in June, 2004, on learning about the publication of an Indian edition of the "International Herald Tribune" from Hyderabad, by M/s Midram Publications Pvt. Ltd., had written to M/s Midram Publications to stop forthwith, publication of the same, and to International Herald Tribune, Hong Kong and New York, to stop forthwith supply of material/contents for publication of the International Herald Tribune from Hyderabad as it violates the extant print media policy of the Government. The Government is examining the options of strengthening its policy, through suitable legislative measures.

Sexual harassment in media organisations

2033. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints of sexual harassment in media organisations like Prasar Bharati are on the increase;

(b) if so, how many such complaints have been received from the 31st July, 2003 to 30th June, 2004 and how many have been solved,

(c) whether these percentage of such complaints is higher than during the corresponding periods of years 2001-02 and 2002-03, and

(d) the steps taken to eliminate such complaints during the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The number of complaints of sexual harassment received in the Prasar Bharati in the relevant periods are given as under:—

Period	No of complaints during the period	Present status
1	2	3
1.7 2001 to 30 6.2002	2	Out of the two cases, one case has been closed and another is under investigation.
1.7 2002 to 30 6 2003	3	Out of the three cases, one has been closed and in one, the accused has been charge-sheeted and the third case is under investigation